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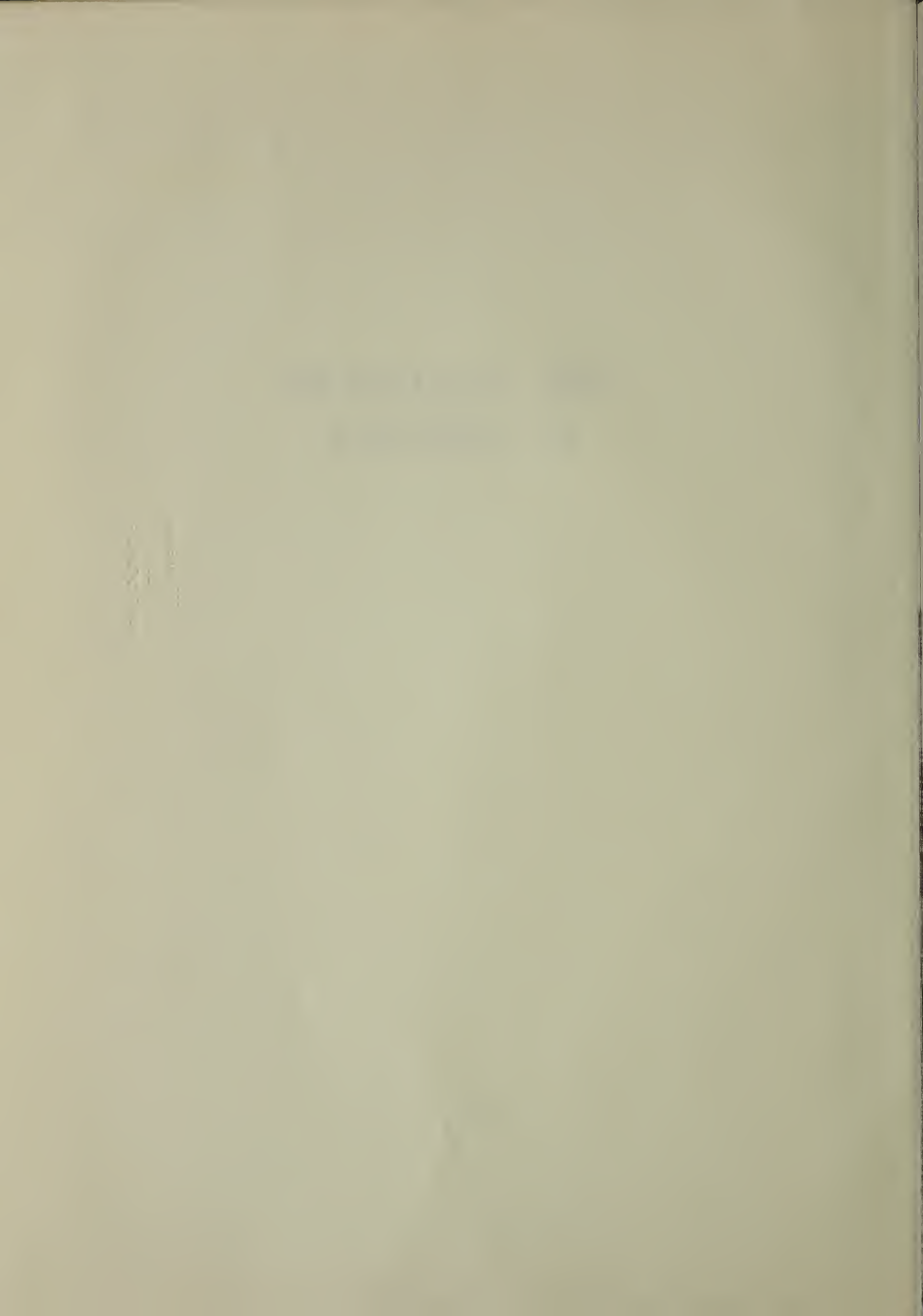
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The inspiration for this work started with the handing down of several old family records, made up by older members of the family, to which little had been added during the last fifty years. To preserve it for present and future members of the family who might be interested, it seemed worth while to make it as nearly complete as possible.

While the old family records were in the main quite accurate, there was a tendency to use nicknames instead of given names, middle names were omitted, and very few dates recorded. They covered only a small portion of the family as a whole, so that they were far from complete, when made up some fifty years ago. This record has been added to by correspondence with many members of the family, a few of whom had Bible records of their immediate branch, and by research into census records and court records of the Northern Neck counties of Virginia.

A few pages of references to court records of the early members of the family has been added to this brief record to make them seem real persons, and to show the type of information from which much of the early data of the family has had to be compiled. Even after a great deal of research the record as it now stands is disappointingly incomplete, and requires further aid of other members, if it is ever to become a complete family record. The list of names in the written portion covers five generations of the early members of the family, the later generations being added in brief form on the chart at the end of this record.

The Yeatmans were originally located in Dorset County, England, and the name is there found as far back as the Domesday Book, of the time of William the Conqueror. A partial record of the titled part of the English family, from 1450, is contained in the "History of Dorset", by J. Hutchins, who gives credit to John Pym Yeatman for its compilation.

The earliest record of a Yeatman immigrant to Virginia is that of William Yeatman, who was shipped by the Wm. Hampton Co. in 1651. There is nothing to show in what part of Virginia he settled. Members of several branches of the family have had traditions handed down to them of an original ancestor named William. This may possibly indicate that the Virginia Yeatmans are descended from this William, but all of them erred in placing him one generation back of where they could trace, much later than 1651. This created much difficulty in straightening out the earlier generations, as has finally been done from court records. For instance Henry Lewis Yeatman (18), in a letter dated 10/29/1850, refers to "our grandfather William". His grandfather John (2) died twenty years before he was born, and he may have been confused, as other members of the family were, by the traditions of an early ancestor named William.

The next Yeatman of whom we have a definite record was a Thomas Yeatman who died in York Co. in 1690, who might have been a son of William the immigrant of 1651. His will (see page 13) shows

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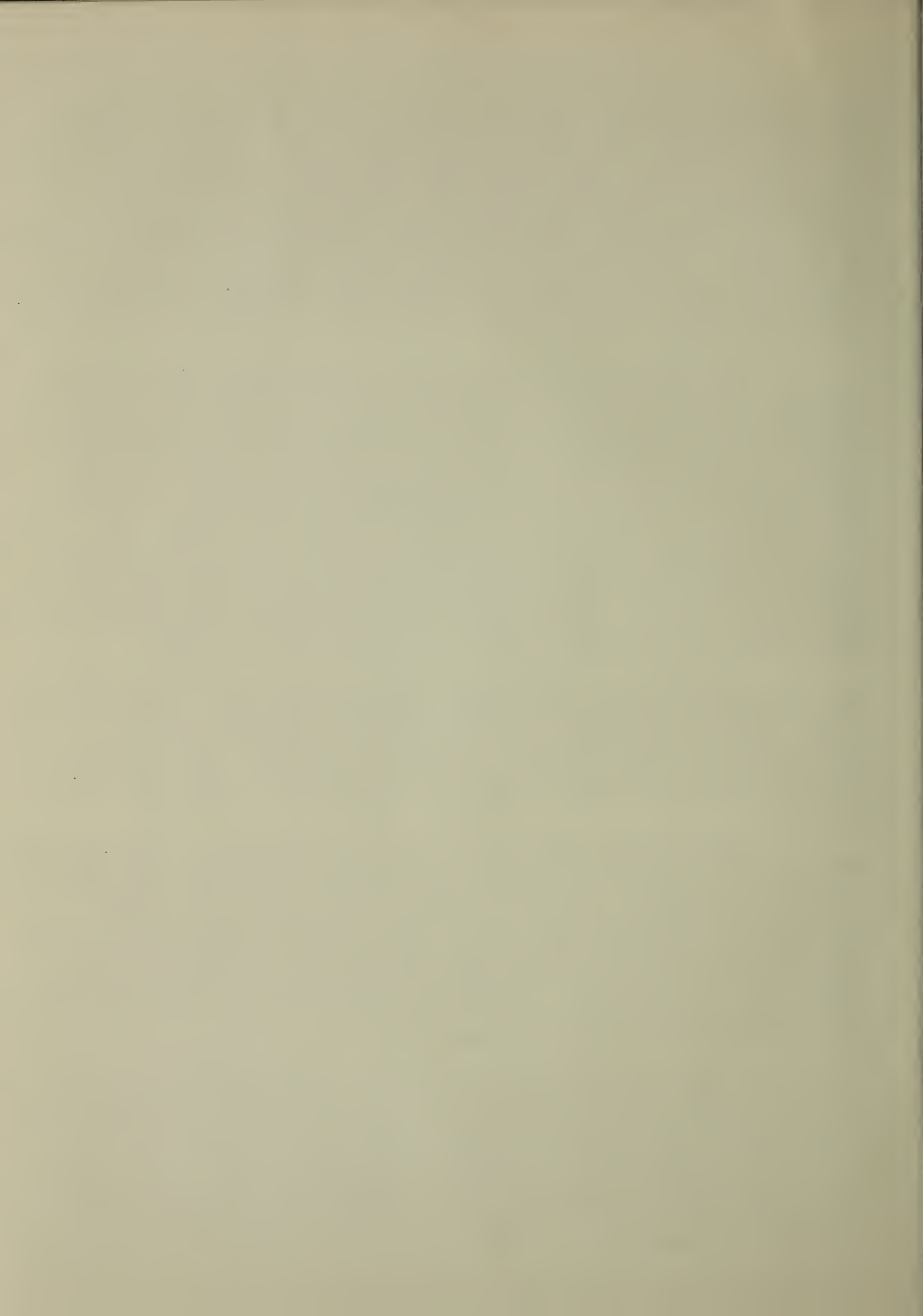
wife Frances, and four children, Thomas, John, Charles and Frances. It is probable that the parents were young and that their children were one to three years apart, with Frances born a year or two before her father's death. This would make John born about the right time to correspond with the John Yeatman who first appeared in Richmond Co. court records in 1715, from whom the recorded family is descended. There were Yeatmans in York Co. in 1763, probably descended from Thomas or Charles, as records of that date show Charles and Dickeson Yeatman as tax-payers in York-Hampton Parish of York County. It is possible that their descendants may account for some scattered Yeatmans whom we have been unable to place in the family tree. There were no Yeatmans in York Co. in the 1820 census.

The first definitely located Yeatman, from whom the family recorded on the chart is descended, was John Yeatman (1). He first appeared in court records as executor of the will of Joshua Lawson in Richmond Co., Virginia, 1/11/1715. He must have been a man of standing in the community, and at least thirty years old, to have been placed in such a position. His standing is further shown by having been appointed Gent. Justice for Richmond Co. 1/3/1721. He died before 4/4/1737, when an inventory of his estate was filed. Its appraisement showed him to be a man of considerable means. He married Hannah Lewis, only daughter and heir of Joseph Lewis. It is interesting to note that Lewis is still being used as a given name in the family to this day. Hannah deeded land, inherited from her father, to her eldest son John (2) 3/31/1753. She died prior to 8/4/1761, when a court action was closed; "Abated, the Plaintiff being dead".

The children of John Yeatman (1) and Hannah Lewis were John (2), Joseph (3), Thomas (4), Sarah (5) and Martha (6). Birth records of the last two, (giving names of parents), have been located in the North Farnham Parish Register. For the other three we can only roughly approximate the dates of birth from other records. The meager court records applying to John Yeatman (1) and his wife Hannah are shown on page 14.

John Yeatman (2), son of John (1) and Hannah, was born about 1718, and died before 10/1/1753, when his widow Susannah was appointed executrix of his estate. No record appears of Susannah's maiden name, or date of marriage, but court records show marriage to Robert Eskridge after the death of John. John Yeatman (2) served two terms as Constable for Richmond Co., and appears in a number of other court records, a digest of which is shown on page 14. He had two sons, Thomas (7), (b. 2/1/1740, d. 1810), and John (8), (b. about 1742, d. 1811), each of whom left a long line of descendants. Court records of John Yeatman (2) are shown on page 14.

Joseph Yeatman (3), son of John (1) and Hannah, was born about 1721, and died after 1754, which is the latest record we have of him. No record has been found of his marriage, or of any descendants, though there are a number of scattered names of Yeatmans in Richmond County records, who might be descended from him, and are shown as closely associated with descendants of his brothers. It is regrettable that this gap occurs in early records, but so far it has been impossible to fill it in. The scanty records which we have of Joseph are shown on page 15.



Thomas Yeatman (4), son of John (1) and Hannah, was born about 1724, and died in 1760, when his widow Elinor was appointed administratrix of his estate. Richmond Co. records show his marriage to Elinor Thornton, daughter of Matthew and Eleanor Thornton, on 2/24/1746. His brother Joseph signed the marriage bond. He was appointed Constable for Richmond Co. in 1747, serving the same district covered by his brother John a few years previously. His widow Elinor died in 1766. There were three children by this marriage, William, Isabella and Mary. A summary of the court records of Thomas Yeatman (4) is shown on page 15.

Thomas Yeatman (7), son of John (2) and Susannah, was born 2/1/1740, (old family records), and died prior to 11/26/1810, when his will was probated. He married Frances Robinson (b. 3/8/1740, 2/8/1758). It is interesting to note that Robinson has been carried down as a family name to this day. Thomas and Frances had ten children, all but one of whom married and left lines of descendants. Most of the sons pioneered to other locations, and became active and energetic members of the new communities to which they moved. The names of the children are affectionately stated in the will of Thomas (see page 17), and old family records give their dates of birth. Most of those whose date of death is known lived to a good old age. A few brief records of each of the children is given on the following pages, and court records of Thomas Yeatman on page 16. Thomas and Frances moved from Richmond Co. to Westmoreland Co., Washington Parish, about 1770. On 3/25/1777 Thomas Yeatman was appointed Lieutenant in Capt. James Muse's company of militia in Westmoreland Co. 9/26/1782 his claim was allowed for furnishing 375 lbs. of beef to the westmoreland Co. militia.

John Yeatman (8), son of John (2) and Susannah, was born about 1742, and died between 3/26/1811, when his will was drawn, and 5/27/1811, when it was probated. He must have been a man of high standing in the community, and died possessed of considerable property, the final division of the estate covering a period of about twenty years. John (8) married Susannah Baker, daughter of William Baker, of Cople Parish, Westmoreland Co., a few years prior to 11/6/1771. At that time there was a division of the Baker estate, and Susannah inherited a part of her father's land. About this time John and Susannah moved from Richmond Co. to Westmoreland Co., possibly to make use of this land. Susannah Yeatman outlived John by many years. A curator was appointed for her by the court in 1823 and 1824, and she was shown in the 1830 census.

No direct Revolutionary War record has been found for John Yeatman (8), but his claim for furnishing beef to the Westmoreland Co. militia was allowed 9/26/1782, at the same time as that of his brother Thomas. This aid to the Revolutionary cause was given over and above what was required. This was found in Public Service Records of Virginia State Library. During the War of 1812, his estate was damaged by British troops. A claim was put in with the British Government for this damage, and settlement was finally made.

John Yeatman (8) and Susannah Baker had six sons and one daughter. Several sets of family records agreed on their names, but did not list them in the same order of birth. Four are mentioned in the will of John, probably in the order of birth. The other three had died before 1811, the date of this will, and probably before 1810,

as they do not appear in the census of that year. Two of them left orphans, living in the family of their grandfather, referred to in his will as grandchildren whose fathers were dead. The chart, and following records, give the closest estimate possible of the order and approximate year of birth of these children. There are more court records of John (8), his estate and family, than of any other yeatman, but a complete analysis of them is insufficient to establish many desired dates, and other facts with regard to the members of the family. A brief synopsis of court records is given on page 19. Of particular interest are the deed to his son James in 1806, and that to his son John (26) on the day he wrote his will, evidently in anticipation of death.

William Yeatman (9), son of Thomas (4) and Elinor Thornton, was born about 1747, and died between 5/9/1816, when his will was drawn, and 8/1/1816, when his will was probated. Record of his marriage has not been found, because only Parish and no County records were kept at that time, but his will refers to his wife Mary, and five children whom he names. William was only about thirteen when his father died, and when his father's estate was divided, two years later, his portion was held for him by Samuel Eskridge in the capacity of guardian, though not so recorded. He was appointed Highway Surveyor for Richmond Co. in 1773, and was shown as owning slaves in the census of 1783. He lived in Richmond Co. all his life, and was evidently a man of some means and prominence in the community. Court records of him appear on page 21.

Isabella Yeatman (10) and Mary Yeatman (11) were daughters of Thomas (4) and Elinor Thornton. The only record of them we have is mention of them in the will of their grandmother, Eleanor Mountjoy.

John Yeatman (12), son of Thomas (7) and Frances Robinson, was born 4/24/1759. He married Lucy Patty, of Warrenton, Va., and had eight sons. He lived for some time on the banks of the Potomac River, where he was a ship-builder. A few years after his marriage he moved to Brownsville, Pa., on the Monongahela River, where he built "pirogue and keel boats" for the river trade. Some years later he moved to Frankfort, Ky., with his wife and three children, pursuing the boat building business for many years. Both died in Frankfort, his wife outliving him a long time. (Taken from a letter of Henry Thornton Yeatman, son.) James E. Yeatman of St. Louis, a grandson wrote:- "His wife, Lucy Yeatman, was a noble looking old lady, whom I visited twice, when a boy. She was a Swedenborgian, which I presume was the faith of her husband. He was buried in the yard, directly under her window, at which she sat and sewed or knit, and at the table a place and seat was left for him." An energetic pioneering record, of which his family may well be proud. The sons of John (12) and Lucy Patty were:-

Thomas (34), born 12/25/1787, died 6/12/1833. Born in Brownsville, Pa., moved to Nashville, Tenn., where he was a banker and had large iron interests. Married (1) Marthew Beckwith of Bullitt Co., Ky., and (2) Jane Erwin. Thomas Yeatman was one of the most prominent citizens of Nashville. He founded the firm of Yeatman, Woods & Co., which at one time maintained a branch office as far East as Baltimore. Inscription on his monument at Nashville is as follows:- "Thomas Yeatman, a

citizen of Nashville in Tennessee - where by honorable industry and successful enterprise, he acquired a distinguished reputation as a merchant and a banker. He was simple and unostentatious in all his habits, amiable and courteous in his manners, hospitable, benevolent and generous, possessed of great energy, and decision of character, of lofty purpose, and inflexible integrity - sagacious - discriminating and liberal. He was the poor man's friend."

Samuel (35), born in Brownsville, Pa., about 1790. Moved to Frankfort, Ky., with his parents, and was drowned in the Kentucky river while young.

John (36), born in Brownsville, Pa. Moved from Frankfort, Ky., to Nashville, Tenn. Married Eliza Schooley of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Walker (37), moved from Frankfort, Ky., to Cincinnati, Ohio. Married a Miss Burroughs, and after her death married her sister Frances.

Preston (38), born in Henrico Co., Va. 4/9/1799, died in Huntsville, Alabama, where he lived most of his life, in 1883. Married Agnes Massie, of Giles Co., Tenn., 11/30/1824. His descendants are now living in Alabama, Louisiana and Texas.

Robinson (39). Lived in Nashville and New Orleans. Died in Nashville at the age of 73. Did not marry.

William (40). Died young.

Henry Thornton (41), born 1807, died 2/13/1899. Lived in Nashville, Tenn. Married Sarah A. West 1836.

Thomas Muse Yeatman (13), born 10/15/1762. Moved from Westmoreland Co. to Mathews Co., Va., where he married Mary Tompkins, daughter of John Tompkins of that County. He bought "Isleham" from Sir John Payton, where he lived till his death, when it was inherited by his son Thomas Robinson Yeatman. He owned and operated a shipyard in Mathews Co. following the line of business of his older brother. An old letter spoke of him as "tall, handsome and distinguished in appearance." Children of Thomas Muse Yeatman and Mary Tompkins were:-

Sarah (42), born 1787, died 1849. Married Robert Yelverton Hunley 1804. Descendants of Sarah Yeatman are now living in Long Island, and in Washington, D.C.

Thomas Robinson (43), born 1/5/1789, died 10/19/1868. Married Elizabeth Tabb Patterson 2/8/1815. Had 11 children, all born at Isleham, Mathews Co. which estate he inherited from his father. He was farmer, lawyer, and County Clerk of Mathews Co. for many years, succeeding his father-in-law, John Patterson, of Poplar Grove, to that position. He was a man of distinguished appearance, dignified, with great courtesy of manner. His life sized portrait, painted by a grand-daughter Ellen Yeatman Deans, was presented to Mathews Co., by his son Henry Yeatman.

Walker (44), born 1792. Lived at Cricket Hill, Mathews Co. Had no children.

Patty Yeatman (14), daughter of Thomas Yeatman (7), and Frances

Robinson, born 8/25/1764. Married Capt. Edw. Sanford of Westmoreland Co. 11/24/1787. We have record of one daughter, Frances Robinson Sanford, who married John Sandy, though there undoubtedly were other children by this marriage.

Walker Yeatman(15), son of Thomas Yeatman (7) and Frances Robinson, born 11/13/1767. Was a ship's captain. Died in London, England, unmarried.

Griffin Yeatman (16), son of Thomas Yeatman (7) and Frances Robinson, born 3/8/1769, died 3/4/1849. Moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, 6/20/1793, when it had only a few houses and was known as Losantiville. He was one of the pioneer residents of Cincinnati, known and highly respected by all, his name being well remembered to this day. His influence drew other relatives to Cincinnati. He ran a historic tavern, known as the "Square and Compass". He was County Recorder of Hamilton Co. for nearly thirty years. Yeatman street and Yeatman Masonic Lodge were named after him. An obituary notice is given on pages 23 and 24. He married (1) Jane Winton 10/27/1795, Squire John Mercer officiating. She was a daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth Winton, for whom Winton Place, a suburb of Cincinnati, was named. The children of this marriage were:-

Julia (45) b. 8/11/1796. m. (1) Dr. Thomas C. Barker.

m. (2) Wm. L. Graham. Lived at Cin. Ohio.

Isabella (46), 10/12/1799-1891. m. Thos Anderson, Perryville, Ind.

Eliza (47), b. 10/12/1799. m. Joseph Landis, Hamilton, Ohio.

Frances (48), b. 7/5/1801. m. John Campbell, Frankfort, Ky.

Mary (49), 3/27/1803-2/18/1871. m. Austin Bishop, Perryville, Ind.

Thos. Henry (50), 7/8/1805-12/?/1878. m. Elizabeth Hartzell. Cin. Ohio.

Samuel (51), b. 9/20/1807, d. 3/27/1809.

Six years after the death of his first wife Griffin Yeatman married (2) her sister Margaret Winton Rowan, a widow, ceremony being performed by Rev. Matthew G. Wallace. Children of this marriage:-

Griffin (52), b. 1/2/1815, d. 1/7/1880. Unmarried. Lived Cin. O.

Francis Carr (53), b. 12/2/1818, d. 11/6/1870. m. Augusta W.

Buddendorf, of New Orleans. Died in Texas.

Sarah Jane (54), b. 3/5/1821, d. 11/20/1872. m. Nicholas Merryweather. Lived in Memphis, Tenn.

Meredith Yeatman (17), son of Thomas Yeatman (7) and Frances Robinson, b. 10/15/1771, in Westmoreland Co., d. 7/25/1819, in Fredericksburg, Va. Son of Thomas Yeatman (7), and Frances Robinson. Married Judith T. J. Buckner, daughter of William Buckner and Elizabeth Monroe, (sister of President James Monroe), of Caroline Co., Va., 4/17/1810. Court records show that Meredith Yeatman served as Lieut. in a troop of Westmoreland Co. cavalry, resigning his commission 9/26/1803. He was named as one of the executors of his father's will. Judith Yeatman died 4/29/1816, and Meredith on 7/25/1819, leaving two orphaned children, who were brought up by their first cousin, Henry Lewis Yeatman Pope, son of Frances Yeatman (19) and Austin Pope, who acted as their guardian. Children of this marriage were:-

William Thomas (55), b. 4/16/1811, d. 3/6/1887. m. Henrietta Louise Yeatman in Fauquier Co. Va. Lived in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Walker Meredith (56), 8/16/1812-9/17/1887. m. Eva Ammen 5/26/1834.
Lived at Cincinnati, Ohio. Died at Lawrence, Kansas.
Elizabeth Frances (57), b. 8/22/1813, d. 6/13/1814.
Griffin (58), b. 10/12/1814, d. 8/17/1815.

Henry Lewis Yeatman (18), son of Thomas Yeatman (7) and Frances Robinson, was born 12/1/1773 in Westmoreland Co., and died 3/17/1859 in Flemingsburg, Ky. The incomplete records which we have of Henry Lewis Yeatman show him as having lived in a number of different localities, and to have had an extremely energetic personality. He was one of the executors of his father's will. He was married five times, record of marriages and children being as follows:-

Married (1) Molly Evans, Baltimore, Md. 3/11/1797. One child:-
George Evans (59), b. 1799, d. 1874. m. Chloe Ann Tongue, of Warrenton, Va. 12/11/1821. Lived in Fauquier Co., Va.

Married (2) Mary R. Crabbe, prior to 7/16/1806, when court record shows deed of land from father of Mary to them. One child:-
Sophia (60), m. Jacob Lanius, in Fauquier Co. 1/25/1832. Lived in Fauquier Co. No children.

Married (3) Alice Monroe (niece of President Monroe) 8/8/1808, in Westmoreland Co. No children by this marriage.

Married (4) Elizabeth L. Thompson, (stated in family records to have been a sister of Richard Thompson, who married his sister Sally), about four years later. Court record of 1814 shows "Henry L. Yeatman and Elizabeth L. his wife", but location and date of marriage have not been found. Children of this marriage, all born at Warrenton, Va., were as follows:-

Henrietta Louise (61), b. abt. 1814, d. 12/14/1886 at Cincinnati, Ohio. m. William Thomas Yeatman 7/23/1833 in Fauquier Co.

Robert Lewis (62), b. 1/?/1815, d. 1838. Unmarried. Killed by Indians in Texas.

Arthur Henry (63), 3/12/1816-12/12/1883. m. Sarah Elizabeth Suter 5/29/1837. Lived in Washington, D.C.

Anna (64), b. 1818. m. W. C. Anderson of St. Louis, Mo.

Sally (65), b. 1820. m. Lewis Murphy of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Elizabeth (66), b. 1823. m. Henry Morgan of St. Louis.

His fifth marriage was to a widow, Mrs. McDonald. There were no children by this marriage. A letter to a nephew, dated 10/29/1850, stated that his father, Thomas, and his uncle John were the only sons of their parents, and that he was then 77 years old and the only living male descendant of either. His wife was living at the time he wrote, but in poor health. He died nine years later at Flemingsburg, from where this letter was written.

Sally Yeatman (20), daughter of Thomas Yeatman (7) and Frances Robinson, was born 10/7/1779. Married Richard Thompson 1/25/1798. Moved to Booneville, Mo. where she died June, 1868, in the 89th. year of her age. The name of Richard Thompson has been handed down in the Yeatman family to this day, in descendants of Walker Meredith Yeatman (56) brought up by Sally's nephew.

Lucy Yeatman (21), daughter of Thomas (7) and Frances Robinson, born 8/20/1772. Married Wm. Northen 6/22/1801. (Westm. Co. records.) It is stated that a Governor of Georgia and a college president were

descended from this marriage. Complete records are not at present available, but old family records give names of children as Oscar, Mary and Lucy.

Jesse B. Yeatman (22), son of John Yeatman (8) and Susannah Baker, was born about 1771, and died before 1810. Middle name probably Baker for mother's family name. Married Jenny Brown 5/10/1791. Jesse died before his father, and his children were living at their grandfather's home at the time of his death in 1811. It is probable that their mother had also died before that time. The names and approximate ages of the children are obtained from court and census records, as follows:-

Lucinda	(67)	b. abt. 1801.	m. Wm. H. Jenkins.
Patty	(68)	b. abt. 1803. d. abt. 1882	
Joseph	(69)	b. abt. 1804. d. abt. 1868	m. Mary Ann Dameron.
Benjamin	(70)	b. abt. 1805. d. abt. 1882	

William Yeatman (23), son of John Yeatman (8) and Susannah Baker, b. abt. 1772, d. before 1810. Have been unable to locate record of his marriage. It is probable that his wife died prior to the death and will of his father, John Yeatman, Sr. His children were living with their grandfather at that time. Record of the children is obtained from a court order appointing their Uncle James as their guardian.

John B.	(71)	b. 1795	d. abt. 1855	m. Catherine A.R.J. Maith.
Thos. W.	(72)	b. abt. 1796	d. abt. 1832	m. Harriett Gaskins 1824.
William S.	(73)	b. abt. 1798		

Thomas Yeatman (24), son of John Yeatman (8) and Susannah Baker, b. abt. 1775, died prior to 6/27/1813, when his brothers John and James were appointed administrators of his estate. Estate was small, consisting of personal belongings, and it is evident from the court records that Thomas was not married.

Elizabeth Yeatman (25), daughter of John Yeatman (8) and Susannah Baker, born abt. 1778. m. Wm. S. Sanford 5/27/1799. Elizabeth Sanford was mentioned in the will of her father, and in several court records. Records show a daughter Susan Sanford and probably a son Wm. J. Sanford.

John Yeatman, Jr. (26), son of John Yeatman (8) and Susannah Baker, born abt. 1780, died 1832. Married Amelia Oldham Weldon 4/5/1802. John was one of the executors of his father's estate, which was not finally distributed and settled for about twenty years. During this period the other brothers died, and he acted as sole executor during the major portion of this time, so that his name appears in many court records. His children were:-

John W.	(74)	b. abt. 1803	d. abt. 1861	m. Mary Ann *****.
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Lived in Baltimore, Md.

William O.	(75)	b. abt. 1805	d. abt. 1868	m. Martha Osbourn in
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Washington, D.C. Lived in Washington and Baltimore.

Census records indicate two daughters, whose names are not yet determined with any degree of certainty.

James Yeatman (27), son of John Yeatman (8) and Susannah Baker, b. abt. 1782, d. 1819. Married Ann Howe Weldon 1/7/1805. James was deeded land by his father in 1806, appears in the Westmoreland Co. census of 1810, was one of the executors of his father's will in 1811, and

appears in numerous court records prior to his death in 1819, when his widow was left with six young children. Her name appears in the 1820 Richmond Co. census, where she moved with the children after the death of James. She apparently moved back to Westmoreland Co. in 1822, when she bought land there, and her name appears on the census records of that county as late as 1850. The children of James Yeatman and Ann Howe Weldon were:

Eliza Ann (78)	11/24/1805-	m. Wm. P. Crabbe 1827.
Nancy Baker (79)		m. Richard Asbury 1828.
Henry Austin (80)	2/25/1808-8/4/1896	m. (1) Mary Crabbe
		m. (2) Ann Webb Reynolds 1833
Alfred James (81)	5/5/1810-1899	m. Emily Jane Hunter 1834.
Amelia S. (82)	d. 9/2/1855	m. Wm. Tallent, Jr. 1834.
Thomas James (83)	b. 1817	m. Susan P. Hunter 1839.
Catherine M. (84)		m. Rodham Hammack 1838.

Reuben Yeatman (28), son of John Yeatman (8) and Susannah Baker, born about 1784, died before 1811. Reuben's name does not appear in any court records, and it is probable that he died young and unmarried. His name does appear in family records of old members of the family who were personally acquainted with the children of John Yeatman, Sr. so that there can be no doubt of the accuracy of including his name in these records.

William Yeatman, Jr. (29), son of William Yeatman, Sr. (9), born about 1773, died 1817. Married Ann Morriss Brown, widow of Thomas Brown, 9/12/1804. William served in the War of 1812. Children of this marriage were:-

Mathew M. (85)	1807-1852	m. (1) Elizabeth Figgett	12/13/1826.
		m. (2) Mary Ann Yeatman	10/20/1838.
Mary (86)	b. abt. 1810	m. John Cash.	
Alice (87)	b. abt. 1813	m. Daniel I. Thomas	1831.

Thomas Yeatman (30), son of William Yeatman, Sr. (9), born abt. 1774, died abt. 1845. Married Elizabeth McClanahan 1/21/1795. Lived in Richmond Co. Children of this marriage were:-

Martha H. (88)	b. 10/17/1795	m. Wm. Brown	12/16/1816.
Nelly Thornton (89)	b. 9/18/1797	m. Thos Kirk	1/20/1823.
Thomas (91)	b. 1807, d. 4/20/1858		
William (92)	b. 1808, d. abt. 1856	m. (1) Lucinda Guttridge	1834.
		m. (2) Mary Ann Coal	1854.

Matthew V. Yeatman (31), son of William Yeatman, Sr. (9), born abt. 1782, d. 1840. Married Eleanor Garner 1/1/1811. Mentioned first in the will of his father, which was customary place for the eldest son, but which other records show not to be the case in this instance. Was requested in his father's will to always make a home for his brother Robert. Eleanor Yeatman survived her husband by many years, and was shown in the 1870 Richmond Co. census as 85. The children of Matthew V. Yeatman (31) and Eleanor Garner were:-

James H. (93)	6/5/1822-7/15/1864	m. Alice Jane Belfield	1854
Leroy D. (94)	b. 1825		
Arthur L. (95)	5/17/1833-8/15/1864		

John H. (96) b. 1835
 Lindsey (97) b. 1837

John H. Yeatman (32), son of William Yeatman, Sr. (9), born abt. 1784, died abt. 1845. Married Mary Burgess, daughter of James Burgess, 2/10/1809. Lived in Richmond Co. and Westmoreland Co. Children of this marriage were:-

Lucinda (100)	b. 1811, d. abt. 1852.	m. (1) Henry R. Guttridge	1833.
		m. (2) William Yeatman	1834.
Robert (98)	b. 1814	m. Martha Lucinda King	1844.
Elizabeth (99)	b. abt. 1816	m. Robert R. Hazard	1841.

Robert Yeatman (33), son of William Yeatman, Sr. (9), born about 1787. Referred to in his father's will as a partial cripple, with the request that his brother Matthew V. make a home for him for life. Probably unmarried. No further record found of him.

The Virginia Yeatmans originally settled in the Northern Neck counties of that State, where many of their descendants are still to be found. The first geographical scattering began with the children of Thomas Yeatman (7). His oldest son John (12) moved to Pennsylvania, and then to Kentucky, while his children moved to Tennessee, Alabama and Ohio. Thomas Muse Yeatman (13) moved from Westmoreland Co. to Mathews Co., and his descendants are to be mainly found in Virginia, but not in the Northern Neck counties. Griffin Yeatman (16) moved to Cincinnati, and became one of its most prominent citizens, drawing a number of other members of the family after him, among them the descendants of Meredith Yeatman (17). Henry Lewis Yeatman (18) left the Northern Neck counties, and was located for short periods of time at Baltimore, and Fredericksburg, Va., and for a long time in Fauquier Co. He drew a number of other members of the family to Fauquier Co. for a period of time, but with the exception of his oldest son who lived there all his life, they all migrated from there to other points. Many of the family have left the Northern Neck counties during the last fifty years, and have settled in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, and other nearby points.

A separate branch of the family, mainly located in Pennsylvania, but now partly scattered from New York to California, can trace their ancestry to a Thomas Yeatman, born in Dorset Co. England, in 1693, who came to America in 1708. He later bought land from the heirs of William Penn, part of which is still owned and occupied by his descendants to this day. There is a town in Pennsylvania, named Yeatman, for this family. The Pennsylvania Yeatmans are doubtless related to the Virginia Yeatmans, but to establish this would require tracing the Virginia branch back to England, and establishing the relationship there. The writer has met one of this branch, and corresponded with others, and feels it a matter of regret that the Virginia branch cannot establish definite relationship with their Pennsylvania cousins.

Another branch of the family might be called that of Calhoun Co., Alabama, now is scattered in Alabama and Texas, with one member in Chicago. Early members of the family spoke of the other Yeatmans in Alabama as cousins, but whether this was from similarity of name, or actual tracing of relationship is not known. They originally went to

Calhoun Co. (then Benton Co.) from South Carolina, but quite possibly were from the Virginia family, though so far it has been impossible to trace back far enough to establish this.

Two Yeatman families have come over from England in somewhat recent years. One lived in Baltimore for a period of years and returned to England. Another is now living on the Pacific Coast, in Oregon and in Berkeley, Calif.

As a whole, the family record has been one of a high type of citizenship. If there is such a thing as a family trait, the most pronounced one is possibly that of quiet modest living, and where a few members of the family have achieved prominence, it was due to others recognizing their worth, and not to self seeking. No family record would be complete without a tribute to James E. Yeatman (102) of St. Louis, whose life record was one of doing good to others, and whose name is there perpetuated in buildings, and a public square, as well as in the hearts of its citizens, and history of the city. To have lived such a life as to merit the many tributes paid him, such as that from the "Northwestern Miller" at the time of his death (page 22), should be an inspiration to all of the family name. A similar inspiration should be had from the tribute to Griffin Yeatman (16), of Cincinnati, (page 23), whose name still lives in the memories of its citizens.

It is interesting to note the handing down of family names through many generations. Lewis is a given name in the family to this day, but originated with Hannah Lewis who married John Yeatman (1) over two hundred years ago. Walker has been a given name for generations, but seems to have originated through friendship, rather than through marriage. Virginia has been a favorite given name, even in families who left the State to live elsewhere. Robinson has been carried down in the family both as a given name and middle name, and came from Frances Robinson who married Thomas Yeatman (7) in 1758.

This written record is only intended to cover a few of the earlier members of the family, and a graphic representation is given in the chart at the end. Apologies are due the women of the family, in tracing only those of the family name on this chart, but there are limitations to what can be included in such a print. The writer will be glad to give any further information which he has in his files to members of the family who may be interested, and will be very glad to receive for record, any further information which may be given him, on any branch of the family.

On the following pages are to be found references to court records of the earlier members of the family, with two wills. This is only a portion of those used in making up the chart, and of the records from which it was drawn. To those interested in such records they should appeal in such a way as to make the characters seem more real.

Without the help of many members of the family who have aided in giving the information required to make the chart, it would have never have been completed in its present form. The greatest help has come from Miss Elizabeth A. Yeatman, of Washington, D.C.,

who has spent the spare time of years in getting court and other family records, and who generously furnished them and her aid in getting this lineage correct.

W. C. Yeatman (303)

2441 Chislehurst Drive,
Los Angeles, California.

January 1st. 1933.

WILL OF THOMAS YATEMAN

York Co., Va. Vol. 1687-1691. P. 567

In the name of God Amen. I thomas Yateman being very sick and weak in mind and body; but in sound and perfect memory thanks bee given to Almighty God for it, doe make this my last will and testament in manner and form following utterly revoking and doe make void all former will or Wills whatsoever - first I give my soul into ye hands of Almighty God hopeing through the Merrits of my blessed Saviour to bee raised up at the last day and to live with him in bliss forever, and my body to bee buried in such decent manner as my Executrix hereafter named shall think fit.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Yateman at ye age of twenty one years to have one cow one two year old mare one Iron pott, two pewter dishes two spoons and all my said tenements, Hereditaments as I am now possessed withal unto him and his heirs forever.

Item - Only my dwelling house and plantation with due share of priverledges to it out of my Divident for fencing and timber which I give unto my loving wife Frances Yateman during her natural life, also all debts due me after all my debts are satisfied and ye rents of all my plantations during my son Thomas Minority, I give my said loving wife.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my sons John and Charles Yateman at ye age of twenty one, to each of them, one cow and one one year old mare two pewter dishes two spoons and one gallon pott and one two year old heifer.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Frances^e Yateman, one cow one two year old heifer and one two year old mare, one Iron pott two pewter dishes, two spoons to bee delivered at ye Age of eighteen years, or day of marriage. And if any of my said children should Dye before they come of age, then their parts to bee Divided amongst ye survivors, and I doe nominate and appoint my loving wife Frances Yateman, Sole Executrix of this my last Will and testament, and my loving friends George Albritton and Morgan Baptistto bee overseers and see that my Will bee performed.

Witness my hand and Seal this 17th. day of April 1690.

mark
Thomas T Y Yateman

Signed Sealed in presence of

Thomas Mountfort

David Condon

Ralph Flowers January ye 26th. 1690.

A Probate is granted unto Frances Yateman, she being Executrix in ye Will therein mentioned and Proved in Court by the Oaths of Thomas Mountfort and David Condon - And is Recorded.

Teste J. Sedgewick, D.C.C.

COURT RECORDS OF JOHN YEATMAN (1).

RICHMOND COUNTY

- W.B. 4, 1/11/1715. Executor will of Joshua Lawson.
- O.B. 9, p33, 1/3/1721. John Yeatman, Gent. Justice.
- No. Farnham Parish Reg. Sarah, dau. John & Hannah Yeatman, b. 3/28/1727.
- No. Farnham Parish Reg. Martha " " " " b. 6/6/1729.
- W.B. 5, p 312, 4/4/1737. Inventory estate of John Yeatman.
- O.B. 10, p 518, 1738. Appraisement estate of John Yeatman.
- D.B. 11, p 192, 3/31/1753. Hannah Yeatman, widow John (1), deeds to her eldest son, John (2), property inherited from her father Joseph Lewis, Hannah being only dau. & heir.
- O.B. 14, p 423, 8/4/1761. Hannah Yeatman, Plaintiff, vs. Robert Eskridge and Susannah, his wife, Defts. Petition for good tobacco. Abated, Plaintiff being dead.

COURT RECORDS OF JOHN YEATMAN (2).

- O.B. 10, p 715, 5/7/1739. John Yeatman sworn in as constable.
- W.B. #5, p 564, 3/26/1746. Witness to will of Wm. Hodgkinson.
- O.B. 12, p 219, 3/5/1749. Witness for King, Jos. Eidson, Deft.
- O.B. 12, p 293, 2/4/1750. John Yeatman appointed constable.
- O.B. 12, p 336, 9/2/1751. Appraiser estate of Thomas Jackson.
- 2/3/1752. Levy laid, To John Yeatman, Constable.
- O.B. 12, p 439, 11/8/1752. Security for John Jennings.
- O.B. 13, p 38, 3/7/1753. John Yeatman on jury.
- O.B. 13, p 45, 4/2/1753.) Deed of Hannah to eldest son John (2) of
- D.B. 11, p 192, 3/31/1753.) property inherited from her father.
- O.B. 13, p 97, 10/1/1753. Susannah Yeatman appointed executrix of estate of dec'd. husband, John (2).
- O.B. 11, p 107, ? Murphy vs. admin. estate John Yeatman.
- O.B. 13, p 174, ? Wm. Jordan vs. admin. est. John Yeatman.
- O.B. 14, p 423, 8/4/1761. Hannah Yeatman, Plaintiff, vs. Robert Eskridge, and Susannah, his wife, Defts. (Widow of John Yeatman (2) shown as remarried Robert Eskridge)
- D.B. 12, p 669, 10/6/1765. Susannah Eskridge, her son Thomas Yeatman and Frances, his wife, deed to John Sandy, 100 acres of land that Hannah inherited from her father.
- O.B. 16, p 154, 6/4/1766. Court summoned Susan Eskridge to settle account of admin. estate of John Yeatman.
- D.B. 12, p 834, 2/1/1768. Sale of negro by Susannah Eskridge and Thomas Yeatman, her son.

COURT RECORDS OF JOSEPH YEATMAN (3).

Richmond Co. Marriage Records, 2/24/1746.	Security for marriage bond of Thomas Yeatman (brother) and Elinoe Thornton.
W.B. #5, p 564, 3/26/1746.	Witness to will of Wm. Hodgkinson.
D.B. 11, p 193, 3/23/1753.	Elias & Elizabeth Willson deed land to Joseph Yeatman.
O.B. 13, p 97, 10/1/1753.	Security for (sister-in-law) Susannah Yeatman, admin. est. John Yeatman (2).
Virginia House of Burgesses, 8/23/1754.	Allowed claim of Joseph Yeatman for taking up a runaway.

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COURT RECORDS OF THOMAS YEATMAN (4).

Marr. Records, 2/24/1746.	Married Elinor Thornton.
O.B. 12, p 101, 3/7/1747.	Thomas Yeatman appointed constable for same district as previously held by John.
Va. Burgesses, 6/4/1757.	Recommend to Governor that Thomas Y. be paid for recruiting for Royal Amer. Regiment.
W.B. #6, p 194, 7/7/1760.	Inventory est. Thos. Yeatman, wife Elinor.
O.B. 13, p 340, 7/7/1760.	Elinor Y. apptd. adm. est. Thos. Y. dec'd.
O.B. 14, p 475, 1/4/1762.	Est. Thos. Y. divided. Elinor Y. allowed her portion, that of son William being held for him by Samuel Eskridge, William being a minor.
W.B. #6, p 414, 5/5/1766.	Inventory of Ellen Yeatman, dec'd. (Elinor)
W.B. #7, p 220, 12/12/1771.	Will of Eleanor Mountjoy. (Eleanor Mountjoy First m. Matthew Thornton, W.B. 5, p 57-8, and her dau. Elinor m. Thomas Yeatman.) In will she mentions children of Thomas.

RECORDS OF THOMAS YEATMAN (7)

Old Family Records. Born 2/1/1740.

Old Family Records. Married Frances Robinson, 2/8/1758.

D. B. 12, p 669, 10/6/1765. Susannah Eskridge, her son Thomas Yeatman and Frances, his wife, deed to John Sandy 100 acres land that Thomas's grandmother inherited from her father, Joseph Lewis.

D. B. 12, p 834, 2/1/1768. Sale of negro by Susannah Eskridge, and Thomas Yeatman, her son.

D. B. 16, p 161, ? Thomas Yeatman to Jno. Redman.
 ABOUT 1770. MOVED TO WESTMORELAND CO., Washington Par.

C. O. B. 1776-86.

P #19, 3/25/1777. Thomas Yeatman appointed Lieut. & Edward Muse appointed Ensign in Capt. James Muse's Company of Militia, in Westmoreland Co.

Same, p 58, ? date. Securitie on bond of Jas. Hunter.

Same, p 66-7, ? date. Appraiser estate of Rodman Neale.

 9/26/1782 Claim allowed in court for furnishing
 375 lbs. beef to Westmoreland Co.
 militia.

C. O. B. 1801-4,
p 476, 10/26/1803. Court ordered Wm. Settle to pay Thomas Yeatman 53¢ for one day's attendance as evidence.

D & W 22, p 158, 11/26/1810. Will of Thomas Yeatman. (See p 17-8)

C. O. B. 1810-3,
p 65, 11/26/1810. Executors of will of Thomas Yeatman acknowledge bond, and certificate of probate is granted.

1782 Westmoreland Co. Census, 9 slaves.

1783 Richmond Co. Census, 10 white.

WILL OF THOMAS YEATMAN (7)

(DEED AND WILL BOOK #22, p. 158-9. WESTMORELAND COURT HOUSE, VA.)

In the Name of God, Amen, I Thomas Yeatman of Westmoreland County and Parish of Washington, do make ordain and declare this instrument of writing, which is written with my own hand, I subscribed with my name, to be my last will and testament. Imprimis, all my just debts to be punctually paid as my executors here after mention'd can make it convenient which I think can be settled with the crops on hand or the rising thereof as there cant be many just debts against me-

Item - I lend to my daughter Patty Sanford & to her children all the property She has all ready rec^d. of mine, and what she may receive of mine - after the date of this writing what Patty has all ready rec^d. of mine & what she will have of mine after this date will be seen in my pocket book - in accot, allso on my decease I lend to Patty Sanford and her Children one negro woman by the Name of (Sambo)

Item - I give and bequeath to my daughter Fanny Pope and to the heirs of her body lawfully begotten, five Negroes namely (Moll) (Sciller) (George) (Bett) & a Infant boy by Sciller, they and their futer increase; as allso I give to my daughter Fanny Pope all her property she purchas'd at her dec^d. Husband Austin Pope's Estate.

Item - I give & bequeath to my daughter Sally Thompson all the property and cash that she and her husband Rich^d. Thompson has rec^d. of mine; which is in acct. in my pocket book and further I give to my daughter Sally Thompson, three negroes namely (Moriah) (Millinda) & (Horrace) they and their futer increas.

Item - I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy Northen two Negroes namely (Nan) (Phil) allso I give to my daughter Lucy Northen all the personal property she has rec^d. of mine, which stands in acct. in my pocket book, I further give to Lucy Northen Six head of Cattle, say two Cows, & Calves & one yoke of oxen, Six head of sheep when call'd for.

Item - I give and bequeath to my Son Meredith Yeatman one Negro woman - Extra, by the name of (Daphney) Exclusive from the rest of my property.

Item - my Will and desire is, that after my decease as soon as posebly it can be done that all the remaining part of my Estate of whatever it may consist of, Negroes, horses, Cattle, hoggs, & sheep, household & kitchen firniture, & whatever may be found of my property be equally devided among my five Sons, John Yeatman, Thos. M. Yeatman, Griffin Yeatman, Meredith Yeatman, & Henry L. Yeatman, after deducting what they all ready rec^d. of my property which stands in accot. in my Pocket Book justly made by myself. I do hereby nominate and appoint my two Sons Meredith Yeatman & Henry L. Yeatman to be my whole & sole Executors to this my last Will & Testament Subscrib'd with my hand this fourth day of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hund^d. & Eight.

F.B. It is my desire that my afores^d. Executors to this Will be not held to Security for their performance thereto.

Thus, I am in hopes this afores^d. instrument of writing will be fairly understood by my dear Chuldren & that when justly consider'd will find I have not been partial to any but Impartial to all --

Thos. Yeatman (SEAL)

Test-
Walk Muse
Sophia Muse

At a Court for Westmoreland County the 26th. day of November 1810.
- The foregoing last Will and testament of Thos. Yeatman deceas'd was fully proved by the oaths of the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of Meredith Yeatman and Henry L. Yeatman the executors therein named who made oath thereto according to law, and entered into Bond Condition'd as the Law directs, without any Security thereto, according to the said last Will and Testament of the said Thomas Yeatman dec^d. a Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form. --

Test.

COURT RECORDS OF JOHN YEATMAN (8)

D.B. 12, p 503, 2/6/1764. Deed George White to John Yeatman. No mention of wife, unmarried at this time.

ABOUT 1771. MOVED TO WESTMORELAND CO.

D & W 15, p 172, 11/6/1771. Division of Baker estate. Indicates that John Yeatman had married Susannah Baker, dau. of Wm. Baker, of Westmoreland Co. prior to this date. Possibly moved to Westm. Co. to use this land.

C.O.B. 1776-86,
p 47, ? date. Appraiser estate of Daniel Muse.

Same, p 68, John and Thomas Yeatman on Grand Jury.

Same, p 89, John Yeatman apptd. to look after roads.

9/26/1782. Claim allowed for supplying beef to Westmoreland Co. militia.

Same, p 165, 5/26/1784. John Yeatman vs. Peter Smith.

Same, p 172, John Yeatman and Susannah, his wife, vs. Peter Smith and Sarah, his wife.

Same, p 211, 7/1/1784. John Yeatman vs. William Porter.

D & W 18, p 276, 1/29/1793. John and Susannah Yeatman deed land to John Rochester.

D & W 18, p 283, 1/26/1793. Wm. & Moses Self deed land to John Yeatman.

D & W 21, p 291, 10/6/1806. John & Susannah deed land to son James.

D & W 22, p 242, 3/26/1811. John & Susannah deed land to son John. Deed made on same date as will, probably in contemplation of death.

D & W 22, ; 210, 3/26/1811. Will of John Yeatman Sr. (See p 20)

5/27/1811. Will of John Yeatman, Sr. probated.

1782 Westmoreland Co. Census, 8 slaves.

John Yeatman, Sr. (8), died between 3/26/1811, when his will was drawn, and 5/27/1811, when the will was probated. He died possessed of considerable property, the estate not being finally settled for some twenty years. Some 26 references have been found to this estate, which are not quoted here, because of length. Estate sustained damage by British troops, during War of 1812. Claim for damage was made with British Government, and settlement made.

WILL OF JOHN YEATMAN (8)DEED & WILL BOOK #22, P. 210, WESTMORELAND CO.

In the name of God, Amen- I John Yeatman Sr. of Westmoreland County being very sick and weak in body but in perfect mind and memory, thanks and praise to the Almighty God for all his mercies, and do hereby make constitute and ordain this my last will and Testament, Principally and first of all, I recommend my soul in the hands of Almighty God that gave it me, hoping he will prepare it a place at his right hand, in the bright mantions of Eternity where I might join the heavenly throng to praise him to a never ending Eternity. And as to what wordly property I possess I give, devise and dispose of in manner and form following - There being fifty acres of Land Over the Creek on Nomony And ten or a dozen up here - that my wife can give or dispose of as she pleases, If she should after my death or while she lives give or convey in any manner whatsoever any of said Land or any part or parcel thereof to any of her favorite children or Grandchildren so as to prevent all her children getting their proportionable part thereof, then my will and desire is that the one, or ones she gives it to or conveys it to, in any manner whatsoever contrary to my will is only to receive one dollar as their proportionable part of all my other property (that is) of the Land, Negroes, Stock household and Kitchen furniture, plantation utinsils &c. I wish this to be plainly understood, that if my wife gives or conveys the said Land, or any part thereof in any manner whatever to any of her favorite Grandchildren that it is to be considered as their father's or mother's full proportionable part of my other property except the dollar above mentioned. If she should not give sell or convey the sd. land or any part thereof to any of her children or Grandchildren more than another and let all her children receive their proportionable parts of the said Land, Then it is my will and desire after her death that all my Estate both real and personal be equally divided among all her children, But she is by no means at liberty to sell, lend convey or give to one child or grandchildren more than another any part of my Estate or property - my son Thomas is to receive his part - But my daughter Elizabeth Sanford is only to have the use of her part as long as she lives and then to be equally divided among all her children, I mean that my Grandchildren whose fathers are dead, is only to receive their father's proportionable part of my estate, to be equally divided among them, I leave to my wife to Qualify as an Executrix (that is) If she thinks proper, and my sons Thomas John and James as Executors to this my last will and Testament. Given from under my hand and seal this 26th. day of March one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

The above was interlined before signed. Also the above was raised out before signed.
Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of us

John Yeatman Sen^r. SEAL

James B. Moore
William Newman

At a Court of Quarterly Session held for Westmoreland County the 27th. day of May 1811, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste: Jos. Fox, Clk.

COURT RECORDS OF WILLIAM YEATMAN, SR. (9)

O.B. 14, p 475, 1/4/1762. Estate of father divided, mother being allowed her portion, that of William being held for him by Samuel Eskridge, William being a minor.

1771 William Yeatman on election poll.

W.B. #7, p 220, 12/12/1771 Left one shilling in grandmother's will.

O.B. 19, -----, 4/5/1773. William Yeatman apptd. highway surveyor.

O.B. 20, p 22, ----- William Yeatman on jury.

1783. Rich. Co. Census. 7 White, 3 black.

O.B. 20, p 74, 3/8/1787. William Yeatman vs. Moore Bragg.

W.B. #9, p 530, 5/9/1816. Will of William Yeatman, Sr. listing 5 children and wife, Mary. (See below)

8/1/1816. Will probated. William had died.

WILL OF WILLIAM YEATMAN, SR.

In the name of God Amen: I William Yeatman of Richmond County and Lunenburg Parish being of a sound mind, but sensible that mortal life is very uncertain, do make this my last Will and Testament my spirit I commit to God, who gave it, and my body to the Dust from whence it came Humbly beseeching the Father Almighty to purify and raise both to an immortal state of Glory thro his Dear Son Jesus Christ.

I give to my beloved wife Mary all my estate both real and personal during her natural life or widowhood, after the death or marriage of my dear wife Mary I give my land to my son Matthew V. Yeatman excepting whereon my son Thomas Yeatman now lives and a small corner of land below his House to Edward Mozingoe's line likewise my son Matthew is to let his brother Robert live with him and to keep him from want, as he is partly a cripple. The remainder of all my personall or movable estate it is my desire that it should be equally divided between my four sons, Thomas, Robert, William and John H. Yeatman. I appoint my loving wife Mary to execute this my last Will and Testament, and should she shortly remove out of this world, my desire is for my son Thomas to execute the same.

Teste:

WILLIAM YEATMAN

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TRIBUTE TO JAMES E. YEATMAN, (102) IN THE NORTHWESTERN MILLER

There died last Sunday, in St. Louis, a man of such exceptional character that, although he was neither a miller, nor identified with the milling business, this journal is compelled to add to hosts of others, its tribute of modest worth, a worth the greater because of its modesty.

It is so seldom that a man can be found in this restless, striving, ambitious Western World, who is content to live and die a simple gentleman, in the fullest, noblest and most inspiring meaning of the word; who seeks, through a long and blameless life, neither riches nor high office, nor rank, nor preferment, nor power, but only to do good to others and make the most of modest opportunity to bless and brighten the lives of those with whom he comes in contact; who asks for no reward of praise or honor or place, but simply goes quietly along his pathway giving to all he meets the blessing of his help and comfort and such of the goods of the world as he possesses; who lives consistently up to the highest standard of what can be expected of him; whose very existence is a benediction, and whose final end is a glorious translation from bodily existence to an immortal and splendid memory in men's hearts; it is so seldom that this happens, as it has in this instance, that we may well pause to comment on the phenomenon and reflect that it is possible, the scoffers to the contrary, for a man to live, if he will, close to the code of the Beatitudes, even in our time, and be neither a ranting reformer nor a canting literalist.

This man who died; this honored and revered private citizen of St. Louis, was James E. Yeatman, aged 84. He was called a philanthropist, but the title has been applied to many rich men who have merely given away large sums of money from their superabundance, that it is unworthy of such as he. He was more than a modern philanthropist, for he gave not only his money to others, he gave them his life and all his full years; he gave them cheerfulness, he gave them courage, he gave them his grand heart, and the more he scattered among others, the more he accumulated for future giving. He verified the Scriptural saying, "Give, and it shall be given unto you." He gave them all he had and it came back to him a thousand fold in blessings and the honor which men offer to those who expect no reward for their generosity. He came to St. Louis, this good man, comparatively rich and he died comparatively poor, having used his capital and his income in making others happier. During the War of the Rebellion, he devoted himself to the Sanitary Commission, but even that good work, noble as it was, did not mark the zenith of his goodness; his truest greatness was in the beneficence of his daily life through the long years; in private and secret charity; in helping the poor, the destitute, the sick, the weak and the blind. None were too lowly to reach the hem of his garment, and be bettered by its touch; none too exalted to consider his friendship an honor, and to give constant and ungrudging testimony to his virtues.

He might have had wealth; official place would have been given him gladly by those in power who honored him; but he sought neither, preferring to pursue his gentle, quiet, simple course through life, doing good in his own way, unostentatiously; a kind act here, a helpful word there, and always giving what he could to those he found about him. Generations have already called him blessed; men yet living will treasure his memory to their dying day; children will grow up to

be the better for having heard the story of his beautiful life. There can be no tears but those of exaltation and joy over the passing away of this unknown great man.

James E. Yeatman, simple citizen of this rich Republic, goes to his grave, full of years, loaded with the kind honors which endure beyond death, and all who know the story of his life must admit, however pessimistic they may be, that it was well worth living; that to be a man and a gentleman, to live without reproach and die without fear, is a splendid thing, worthy of any man's ambition. His end writes Finis to one of the most beautiful and harmonious biographies ever told in Western history. We close the volume, regretting that it has no more pages visible to the human eye, yet thankful that nothing appears therein to mar the matchless symmetry of its hero's character, and believing that the Great Author knows best when to bring the last chapter to an end and give release from bodily weariness to the fine soul, which for more than four score years, has occupied its human tenement and kept itself unspotted from the World. God be thanked for the life of a good man.

PORTION OF A DISCOURSE, DELIVERED AT THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, IN CINCINNATI, ON THE LIFE AND CHARACTER OF THE VENERABLE GRIFFIN YEATMAN, WHO DIED MARCH 4TH., 1849, AGED 79 YEARS BY REV. HENRY JEWELL, PASTOR OF THE CHURCH.

"Mark the Perfect Man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is Peace."

We have recently been called to witness the truth of this observation. One whom many of us had long known, and had long been proud to reverence and respect, for his undeviating virtue, has fallen, with all the imperishable honors that are due to the good man. I refer to the late Venerable Griffin Yeatman. In pointing to him, his whole life, may we not say in the words of David, "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace."

Griffin Yeatman was born in Westmoreland county, Virginia, on the eighth of March, 1770. About the year 1790, he located at Brownsville, Pa., where he served a few years with his brother at boat building. Receiving a Clerkship from Mr. Hunt, who was a contractor in the Army, he came to Cincinnati on the 20th. of June, 1793. Shortly after his arrival, he married the daughter of Matthew Winton, Esq., who kept a public house on the Northeast corner of Front and Sycamore Streets, Mr. Yeatman continued the business, on his own account, for many years. And we have been assured, as we have the best evidence to believe from the character of this man, that his house, his heart and his hand, were always open to the poor and the distressed, Mr. Yeatman's moral worth and capacity for business, appear to have been duly appreciated by his fellow citizens. We find that for more than forty years, he sustained some responsible office in the gift of the people. He was a member of the Town Council under the old government; and at the commencement of the present century, he officiated as City Clerk. He was also Justice of the Peace for many years. He sustained the

office of Recorder of Hamilton County for twenty-eight years, to the entire satisfaction of the people, who were always proud to give him any office within their power.

It may be proper to add here that he had been married twice. His first wife died Sept. 23, 1808; he was married to Mrs. Margaret Rowan, sister to his former wife, March 6th., 1814, who is still living. After a long life of honest industry and usefulness, enduring the burdens, breasting the difficulties, and reaping the rewards due to right intentions and noble acts, at a good old age, with his work all well done, ripe for the tomb, being within four days of 79 years of age, our much beloved and venerable father fell asleep in that calm noiseless way which he had long desired.

His whole life should be an instructive commentary, teaching us our duty as men, as citizens and as Christians. Honest and faithful in all his dealings and responsible trusts, he presents us an example, commanding the respect of all those who are striving to be truly great and useful in life. The Masonic Review of 1846 says "He is still a member of N. C. Harmony Lodge, and has been a member of it ever since he was initiated, now nearly 52 years. During all that time he had been faithful in his attendance, prompt in paying his dues, and diligent in the discharge of his duties as a Mason." The Church and the Lodge-room were places which he loved next to his home and his family.

He was always ready and happy to do his part to help the cause along, willing and glad to work somewhere, never absent from his seat in Church, if it were possible to be present. It was thought that he was not absent from Church more than two services in each year for the past ten years! As sure as the preacher was present, he would be certain to find "father Yeatman", as we all were accustomed to call him. It grieved him to witness the least indications of indifference or disunion among the members. He was a man of modest feelings, retiring in his habits, and hence he said but little and did much. ***** What was his undeviating practice? To throw his whole influence in the right scale. No matter who the preacher was, he was sure to be there in his place, prepared to gather all the good, and cast the bad away

As citizens, as a Society and Church, we have lost a firm, staunch friend in the death of Griffin Yeatman. He speaks to us all today, bidding us to forward, to be at peace among ourselves, and to be faithful in our day and generation. He passed away without a struggle or a groan in the glorious hope of a bright and joyous immortality.

FIVE GENERATIONS OF YEATMAN

* Indicates no children.

January first 1933.

24 THOMAS
m. (1)
m. (2)

25 SMITH

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PARTIAL RECORD OF A FEW UNPLACED
BRANCHES OF THE FAMILY
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WILLIAM T. 1804-1887
Born in South Carolina
m. Emily Mattison

JOHN
Born in South Carolina
m. Rachel Massey



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